

## § 67.149

Exchange of Certificate of Documentation (form CG-4593) signed by or on behalf of the mortgagee to the National Vessel Documentation Center.

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### § 67.149 Exchange of Certificate of Documentation; vessel at sea.

(a) When exchange of a Certificate of Documentation issued to a vessel is required pursuant to subpart L of this part and the vessel is at sea, the owner may affect the exchange while the vessel is still at sea by:

(1) Complying with the requirements of § 67.141; and

(2) complying with the requirements of § 67.145, if applicable.

NOTE: A Certificate of Documentation is issued upon compliance with the applicable requirements, however, the requirement to mark the vessel with its new name or hailing port in accordance with subpart I of this part, if applicable, is waived until the vessel reaches its first port of call, wherever that may be.

(b) The documentation officer prepares a new Certificate of Documentation and forwards it for delivery to the vessel's next port of call. If the port of call is in the United States, the Certificate is forwarded to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector Office. If the port of call is in a foreign country, the Certificate is forwarded to the nearest American Consulate. The new Certificate is delivered only upon surrender of the old Certificate, which is then forwarded to the National Vessel Documentation Center.

[CGD 89-007, CGD 89-007a, 58 FR 60266, Nov. 15, 1993, as amended by CGD 95-014, 60 FR 31604, June 15, 1995; USCG-2006-25556, 72 FR 36330, July 2, 2007]

### § 67.151 Replacement of Certificate of Documentation; special procedure for wrongfully withheld document.

When the owner of a documented vessel alleges that the Certificate of Documentation for that vessel is being wrongfully withheld by any person the owner must:

(a) Submit to the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center, a state-

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ment setting forth the reasons for the allegation; and

(b) Upon the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center that the Certificate is being wrongfully withheld, apply for replacement of the Certificate in accordance with the requirements of § 67.141.

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### Subpart L—Validity of Certificates of Documentation; Renewal of Endorsement; Requirement for Exchange, Replacement, Deletion, Cancellation

#### § 67.161 Validity of Certificate of Documentation.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a Certificate of Documentation but no trade endorsement thereon, issued to a vessel which is the subject of an outstanding mortgage filed or recorded in accordance with subpart Q of this part or any predecessor regulations, remains valid for purposes of:

(1) 46 U.S.C. chapter 125;

(2) 46 U.S.C. chapter 313 for an instrument filed or recorded before the date of invalidation, and an assignment or a notice of claim of lien filed after that date;

(3) Sections 9 and 37(b) of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. app. 808, 835(b)); and

(4) Section 902 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. app. 1242).

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section do not apply to a vessel which is subject only to a mortgage filed or recorded before January 1, 1989, which had not attained preferred status as of that date.

#### § 67.163 Renewal of endorsement.

(a) *Requirement for renewal of endorsement.* Endorsements on Certificates of Documentation are valid for one year. Prior to the expiration of that year, the owner of a vessel which is not exempt from the requirement for documentation under paragraph (c) of § 67.9